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SCIENCE LABORATORIES IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seventh All India School Survey depicted science laboratories are not existing in many schools teaching science;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide science laboratories in such schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b): As per 7th All India School Education Survey, conducted by NCERT, with reference date 30.9.2002 , 65.12% of schools in the country having secondary stage in them, had science laboratories. In respect of higher secondary schools, 95.83% of schools offering Physics, 95.92% of schools offering Chemistry and 95.09% of schools offering Biology, had laboratory facilities in the subject concerned. Information regarding reasons for non availability of science laboratories in some schools has not been collected as part of the survey.

(c): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories to formulate programmes to improve the academic standard of schools including availability of science laboratories. This Ministry had a scheme of Improvement of Science Education in Schools, under which financial assistance was given for upgradation of science laboratories in secondary and higher secondary schools. This scheme was transferred as a State Sector Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.2006.